Development of Hilly and Inacessible Areas by Developing Horticulture

2809. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Goversment's consideration for the development of horiculture in the hilly and inaccessible areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) Hilly and inaccessible areas have been found, from the agro-climatic point of view, eminently suited for development of horticulture and plantation crops. Efforts have been made for development of horticulture in these areas during the successive plans. In the Sixth Plan, the emphasis has been on growth of high-value low-volume crops and products in areas. For development of horticulture steps have been taken to create basic infrastructure in the shape of esablishment of foundation seeds and seed multiplication farms; land development work including soil conservation; distribution of planting materials, fertilisers and pesticides at subsidised prices to small and marginal farmers; development of marketing and processing facilities for the horticulture produce etc.

Development of Electronics Industry

2810. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the field of electronics so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that many parts of television are now manufactured by local entrepreneurs in the country; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken by Government to encourage the development of electronics industry in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO)): (a) and (c) The information is being compiled.

(b) All the components needed for the manufacture of Black & White TV Receivers are being manufactured indigenously.

Exploitation of Mineral Resources

2811. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that huge quantities of mineral deposits in India are yet to be exploited; and

(b) whether Government popose to get surveys conducted for the exploitation of these resources by the State-wise Mineral Corporations and by private agencies as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) A number of deposits of various minerals are known to exist in the country. Exploitation of the known deposits is linked with current domestic and export demand for different minerals and hence some of the deposits have been exploited commensurate with these demands.

(b) Prior to exploitation of mineral deposits, surveys and exploration for arriving their reserve petential are necessary. Surveys for minerals is a continuous process and is being carried out all over the country by Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited and State Directorates of Mining and Geology in their respective selected oprational areas according to their programmes. The Planning Commission has constituted a Sub-group for forecasting requirement of exploration for minerals during Seventh Five Year Plan. The exploration programme will be executed by various agencies like

Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Neyveli Lignite Company, Hindustan Zinc Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited, Cement Corporation of India and State Directorates of Mining and Geology.

There are no plans at present to associate private agencies also with survey for exploitation of minerals.

Government Office in Rented Buildings in Delhi

2812. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various offices of the Department of Science and Technology are housed in rented buildings in Delhi and outside Delhi and if so, since when;

(b) the name of each office and monthly rent of each building occupied by these offices along with the date of occupation; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far to shift these offices from rented buildings to lessen the burden on the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c) The desired information regarding the offices of Department of Science and Technology and its subordinate offices located in rented buildings is given in the statement. Depending on the availability of funds, the construction of buildings for offices is taken up.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Office/Unit	Monthly Rent	Date of Occupation
1	2	3	4
1	A part Department of Science and Technology	Rs. 82,902.00	3-9-83
2	National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation, Calcutta (5 Units)	Rs. 7,065.95	4-10-74
		Rs. 5,567·66	29-6-74
		Rs. 5,625·00	8-12-71
		Rs. 15,120 30	8-11-78
		Rs. 2,850 00	16-6-73
3	SURVEY OF INDIA		
	NORTHERN CIRCLE		
1	No. 91 Party	Rs. 5110.00	1-8-80
2	No. 91 Party	Rs. 4333.00	15-9-80
3	No. 90 Party	Rs. 1030 00	1-8-80
4	No. 90 Party	Rs. 671-00	25-7-82
5	No. 27 Party	Rs. 1935-00	1-4-82
6	No. 27 Party	Rs. 976-00	1-1-83